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SUBJECT: UGANDAN ROLE IN AIR FRANCE HIJACKING

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1. WE PROVIDED MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS LEIFLAND WITH EVIDENCE OF UGANDAN ASSISTANCE TO HIJACKERS CONTAINED IN REF A. AFTER READING MATERIAL, LEIFLAND DESCRIBED IT AS "QUITE GOOD", AND SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR MEETING MFA HAS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY THIS MORNING TO DETERMINE POSITION GOS WILL TAKE AT JULY 8 UNSC CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION.

2. CONTINUING, LEIFLAND SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF "INFLIGHTING" WITHIN GOS RE POSITION IT WILL TAKE ON ISSUE. FOR THIS REASON, HE ADDED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FACT HE HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ON UGANDA'S ROLE FROM USG NOT RPT NOT LEAK OUT. WE ASSURED HIM THAT IT WOULD NOT FROM OUR SIDE.

3. COMMENT: AS LEIFLAND HAS INDICATED, UNSC

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CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY

CAUSE CONFLICT WITHIN GOS BETWEEN THOSE OFFICIALS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT TERRORISM AND THOSE WHOSE CHIEF INTEREST LIES IN PRESERVING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ARAB AND AFRICAN NATIONS. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH US, LEIFLAND HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVES MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS THAT HOSTAGES ESCAPED UNHARMED, AND STATEMENT ON OPERATION ISSUED BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT (OF WHICH LEIFLAND WAS PRINCIPLE AUTHOR) REFLECTED THIS VIEW (REF C). HOWEVER, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HIS VIEWS WILL PREVAIL WITHIN GOS COUNCILS. BASED ON PAST PERFORMANCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SWEDES WILL WORK FOR CONSENSUS RESOLUTION, AND, FAILING THAT, OPT FOR ABSTENTION WHEN THE CRUNCH COMES.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE MATTER WITH LEIFLAND. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD WELCOME THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON UGANDAN INVOLVEMENT CITED IN PARA. 16 OF REF A.
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